Daniel Boone was born in Pennsylvania in 1735. As a boy, Daniel's favorite place was the outdoors. He learned about animals by watching and listening. He imitated their sounds, and learned their habits. He liked to go hunting and fishing, and spent hours in the woods. He learned to be brave and strong.

When Daniel was eighteen, his family moved to North Carolina. God was preparing Daniel to be a pioneer leader. Daniel spent most of his time hunting. He collected furs and sold them in the Eastern settlements.

During the French and Indian war, Daniel joined the militia. At night, around the campfires, the men talked about interesting places. A man named John Finley told about his adventures in lands to the west. He liked the frontier lands and planned to return when he could. Daniel Boone was interested, too. He wanted a chance to travel in the frontier, where the woods were full of wild animals.